

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2008. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

As outlined above, claims 1-11 and 16 stand for consideration in this application, wherein claims 12-15 are being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1, 4-8, and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Aura (U.S. Pub. No. 2005/0041634 A1). Claims 2-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Aura in view of Turner (U.S. Pat. No. 6,018,524). Claims 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Aura in view of Wada et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,517,618). Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Akhtar in view of Aura. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons set forth below.

The present application claims priority to the filing date of the corresponding Japanese Application No. 2003-065329, of, March 11, 2003. Aura was filed December 15, 2003 and its provisional application No. 60/493,125 was filed August 6, 2003. The priority date of the present application is clearly prior to that of Aura. Therefore, Aura is not properly citable as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and §103(a), and thus, the rejections against claims 1-11 and 16 are not proper. A certified English translation of the Japanese Application No. 2003-065329 is respectfully submitted herewith. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections against claims 1-11 and 16 is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Akhtar in view of Saito (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0046349 A1). Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Akhtar in view of Saito and further in view of Hesham Soliman's "Hierarchical MIPv6 Mobility Management").

As mentioned above, claims 12-15 are being canceled, and therefore, these rejections are moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

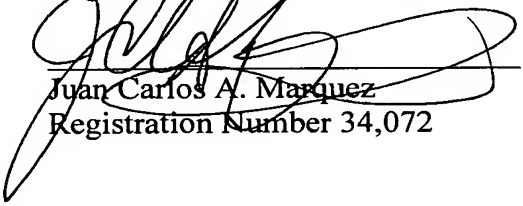
Conclusion

In light of the above Amendments and Remarks, Applicants respectfully request early and favorable action with regard to the present application, and a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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